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Monarque vient de placer les dernières pièces de son plan machiavélique sur son échiquier du mal. Il n'a plus rien à perdre car c'est forcément le dernier jour pour lui. Le plan qu'il a mis en place est, cette fois ci, sans commune mesure. Mondial, impitoyable, radical. Si jamais il ne s'emparait pas des Miraculous de Ladybug et Chat Noir, alors le monde vivrait pour toujours dans le chaos.
De son côté, Marinette et Adrien sont déjà victimes de ce plan, sans le savoir.
Ladybug et Chat Noir sont-ils déjà condamnés ?
Monarque va-t-il finalement gagner ?

Monarch has just placed the final pieces of his villainous plan on his chessboard of evil. He has nothing left to lose, because today will be his final day. The plan he has put in place is more ambitious than ever. Global, merciless, radical. If he were to fail at seizing Ladybug and Cat Noir's Miraculous, the world would live forever in chaos.
The unsuspecting Marinette and Adrien have already fallen victim to this plan. Are Ladybug and Cat Noir doomed?
Will Monarch win in the end?

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1 **TV INSERT**

Nadja Chamack presents the news. We hear her voice O.S. over images of some iconic places in Paris, where the sun is shining and people are feeling happy.

1 NADJA CHAMACK (O.S.)
It's the first day of summer break in Paris!

Andre the ice-cream man gives out ice cream in front of the Eiffel Tower.

2 NADJA CHAMACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Classes are barely over...

We see Mr. Damocles closing the school.

3 NADJA CHAMACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
...and the campaign for the mayoral election has already begun!

We see a pregnant Miss Bustier distribute tracts, with Ivan, Mylene and her friend Gisele.

4 NADJA CHAMACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Tourists have already started arriving from all around the world to savor a taste of Paris...

An endless line of customers are waiting outside the famous Dupain-Cheng bakery, which just launched its sunny macarons!

5 NADJA CHAMACK (O.S.) (CONT'D)
...taking advantage of the good weather and making great memories in the company of family and friends!

People are having picnics at the Tuileries.

BACK TO NADJA ON THE TV SET

6 NADJA CHAMACK (CONT'D)
Good weather also prevails in London, where Adrien Agreste and Kagami Tsurugi arrived yesterday!

An image of Kagami and Adrien appears in a pop-up.

7 NADJA CHAMACK (CONT'D)
According to a statement from the *Agreste* brand, the couple will be pursuing their successful modeling careers there.
A story by our correspondent in the UK... right after this message.

The PERFECTION ad begins, starring Kagami and Adrien drinking out of designer glass bottles.

8 AD VOICE
For flawless skin and flushing out toxins...

2 **INT. KAGAMI'S ROOM**

THE CAMERA EXITS the TV screen... Kagami throws her Perfection sneakers at the picture. But the screen is protected by unbreakable glass; the ad goes on.

9 AD VOICE
Perfection, the drink that hydrates... to perfection!

Kagami sighs in rage.

3 **INT. MONARCH'S ROOM - NIGHT**

We realize that the image of Kagami was itself being displayed on a screen. A screen that Gabriel is watching, in his lair, where he can monitor both the angry Kagami and his prostrate son Adrien.

Each teenager is alone in a windowless room.

Satisfied, Gabriel talks to Tsurugi san via his Alli@nce. Tsurugi is in her lab.

10 GABRIEL
Now that our children are safe in London, we can launch the *Perfect Alliance*.

11 TSURUGI SAN
One day, they'll understand that we did this all for their own good.
(a beat)
Take care of the poison while I prepare the remedy.

Gabriel gets into position.

12 GABRIEL
Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Gabriel transforms into Monarch and creates a Megakuma which he sets free, letting it flutter around him. Next, he heads towards the cages of the captive kwamis.

13 MONARCH
Mullo, your power is now mine!

He charges three rings one after the other. First, the power of the Mouse (Mullo), then the Horse...

14 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Kaalki, your power is now mine! /
Orikko, your power is now mine!

Once he's charged the power of the Rooster:

15 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Sublimation!

Using the Rooster's weapon, a fountain pen, he gives himself a power.

16 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I choose the power to fly.
(a beat, then)
Dark wings fall!

Now Gabriel again, he turns to the fluttering Megakuma.

17 GABRIEL
Akumatize me, dear Megakuma!

The Megakuma lands in his Alli@nce, and **he transforms into Nightormentor.**

18 NIGHTORMENTOR
Multitude!

He multiplies, then...

19 NIGHTORMENTOR (CONT'D)
Voyage!

Each Nightormentor opens a portal and dives into it, allowing the villain to teleport to several places at once.

ON the kwamis, in their cages, terrified.

4 **EXT. VARIOUS CITIES IN EUROPE - NIGHT**

The Nightormentors fly above cities, using their blowpipes to spread nightmare dust.

20 NIGHTORMENTOR (O.S.)
After spreading bad dream dust all across the world, I awakened the dormant nightmares in each human's mind...

A Nightormentor spreads dust in the Barcelona sky. The same thing happens in Berlin, Rome...

21 NIGHTORMENTOR (CONT'D)
Tonight, I will complete Europe.
Spain, Italy, Germany, France...

Another Nightormentor is seen flying above Paris. His dust spreads...

...and hits Alya's, asleep in her bed.
Marinette, hugging her big cat plush.
Tom and Sabine, wearing kawaii nightcaps.

22 NIGHTORMENTOR (CONT'D)
And the United Kingdom...

Another Nightormentor uses his evil power in London, on Kagami and Adrien.

5 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB - NIGHT**

Next, the Nightormentors return to the lair via Voyage portals.

23 NIGHTORMENTOR
Fall in!

With these magic words, the Nightormentors merge back together.
Alone again, Nightormentor rejects the Megakuma.

24 NIGHTORMENTOR / GABRIEL
Ha!

Nightormentor transforms back into Gabriel Agreste.

Gabriel glances at the live feed of Adrien and Kagami on his screens: they're now both asleep.

Gabriel turns on his Alli@nce. Tsurugi appears.

25 GABRIEL *
The nightmare has begun... *

26 TSURUGI SAN
... and our wish to bring our *
children together can finally come *
true. *

6 **EXT. AGRESTE PRIVATE MANSION - DAY**

Marinette, a female knight in a red and black armor with a helmet on her head and a scabbard on her back, belts along on her scooter, heading straight for the Agreste private mansion. Once outside the gate, she comes down from her iron mount and rings the bell. As always, the camera comes out of its compartment. Marinette talks to the device watching her.

27 MARINETTE
I want to see Adrien!

Gabriel's voice answers.

28 GABRIEL (O.S.)
You'll have nothing more to do with my son.

29 MARINETTE
We'll see about that!

As she speaks, knight-Marinette pulls a huge magic sword out of her back scabbard and destroys the door.

Once in the courtyard, she spots roots belonging to a giant plant that surrounds the whole mansion.

She looks up and sees the stem of the plant disappear in the sky above the clouds, like a giant beanstalk. Marinette sheathes her weapon back in her scabbard and sets about climbing up the giant plant.

30 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I'm coming, Adrien!

As she perches above the clouds, Marinette pulls her visor up to better estimate her distance from the top, where she finally sees Adrien, captive.

31 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I'm going to save you!

But before she can reach him, she will have to face the huge dragon that's already flying towards her, BREATHING FIRE.

A titanic battle begins. Using her sword, Marinette destroys the dragon, which breaks up...

32 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Oof!

...revealing that it was actually the akumatized Gabriel Agreste.

33 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Mister Agreste?

Surprised, knight-Marinette makes a clumsy move...

34 GABRIEL
Aaaaargh!

...touches him too with her sword.

Gabriel breaks down into a shower of rose petals...

Behind him, Adrien is overwhelmed..

35 ADRIEN
Nooooo! Father!
(he looks at Marinette, horrified)
Why did you do that, Marinette?

7 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - MORNING**

Marinette wakes up in her bed, in a panic.

36 MARINETTE
ADRIEN! I have to free him from the dragon-- I mean, from his father!

Tikki flutters over to her owner.

37 TIKKI
He's in London now, Marinette, remember?

Marinette has a **FLASH** from her nightmare. She sees Adrien's devastated expression again. (Note: the characters who will have flashes from their nightmares will all have the same body language. First, a start. Then, they'll grab their head with their hands. That way, even without necessarily seeing images of the flashes, we'll still understand what each character is going through, and the fact that nightmares are omnipresent for everyone.) After her **FLASH**, Marinette calls Adrien.

38 ADRIEN'S VOICE (IN THE PHONE)
Hey, this is Adrien's voicemail.
Leave a message.

As she hangs up without leaving a message, Marinette gets a notification on her smartphone and opens it.

39 AD VOICE
Just like the *perfect* couple Kagami & Adrien, use *Perfection*, the fragrance that'll suit you *perfectly*!

Marinette drops down on her chaise longue, desperate.

Tikki tries to comfort her:

40 TIKKI
You know these images aren’t real. They’re just digital avatars created by Adrien’s father.

Marinette has another **FLASH.**

41 MARINETTE
I know, but... Tikki, I need to find out where Mr. Agreste has sent Adrien. I need to free him-- I mean, to talk to him...
(getting a grip)
At least, make sure that he's okay!

42 TIKKI
His father won't tell you a thing, will he?

A bit. Marinette thinks, then has an idea.

43 MARINETTE
He won't. But maybe his assistant, Nathalie will...
(a beat)
Adrien told me that she was always kind to him.

Determined, Marinette leaps up from her chaise longue...

8 **INT. DUPAIN-CHENG LIVING ROOM - MORNING**

Marinette (who has gotten dressed) walks across the living room under the worried gaze of her parents.

44 MARINETTE
I have an errand to do... see you later...

Marinette comes to a halt in front of her father, standing before her, frowning with concern.

45 TOM
Aren't you going to eat something before you leave?

46 MARINETTE
I'm not feeling very hungry, Dad!

Her mother joins Tom. She too looks worried.

47 SABINE
It's understandable you'd have a poor appetite after Adrien's departure, honey... *

Tom produces a (cartoon) 40-kg bag of croissants from behind his back.

48 TOM
...but breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

49 MARINETTE
Oh, no, no, no, don't worry...
(she has a FLASH)
...this has nothing to do with Adrien!

Her parents give her skeptical looks. A beat. Marinette acts like everything is fine and goes into "convince & reassure" mode.

50 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I'm fine, I promise! Besides, he's just in London. He's probably doing great, there's no reason to worry! I was just heading out to meet up with my friends.

She takes the bag of croissants from her father's arms.

51 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
And that mountain of croissants comes at a perfect time!

Tom is still not convinced.

52 TOM
Since you're meeting your friends, maybe I should add a few dozen more brioches, don't you think?

53 SABINE
Tom!!!!
(smiling to her daughter)
It's okay, darling, go!

54 MARINETTE
Thanks! Love you both!

Marinette leaves with the huge bag of croissants.

As soon as she has closed the door, Tom starts and grabs his head with his hands. He confesses to Sabine:

55 TOM
I've gotta tell you... I had the most horrible nightmare. I can't stop thinking about it. Marinette was so sad that Adrien was gone that she stopped eating. And she became so teeny, teeny tiny... that a mouse gobbled her up!

Sabine huddles up to her husband, sympathetic. She too starts and grabs her head with her hands.

56 SABINE
I had a nightmare too. You were so worried about Marinette that you were akumatized into *Werebaker*. You trapped Marinette inside a giant brioche and an army of croissants and macarons had to protect her.

Sabine and Tom embrace, comforting each other.

9 **EXT. OUTSIDE THE DUPAIN-CHENGS' BUILDING - MORNING**

As she comes running out of her building, Marinette collides with Alya, who was also coming running.

57 ALYA
Marinette! I've gotta hide at your place! Monarch is about to find me and I'm terrified I'm gonna blab YOUR...

Alya has a FLASH (note: we don't see her nightmare here, but understand thanks to her body language - a start, then she grabs her head). She stops, makes sure that no one can hear, then goes on, whispering, on her guard.

58 ALYA (CONT'D)
...your secret identity!
(she realizes suddenly)
Oh no, it'll be even worse if I hide at your place!

59 MARINETTE
Are you okay, Alya?

60 ALYA
Yeah, yeah, it's just that... we can't be seen together!

Alya immediately leaves. Marinette is about to hold her friend back, but...

61 MARINETTE
Aly--

A **FLASH** stops her. She sees an excerpt from her nightmare again: Adrien, distraught, looking at her with a horrified expression.

Tikki pops her head out of the purse to watch Alya move away.

62 TIKKI
Alya's acting strange, don't you think Marinette?

But Marinette's nightmarish **FLASH** strikes again. She's almost bowed down under the weight of dread.

63 MARINETTE
I don't know, Tikki. I... I can't think...!
*(**FLASH**)*
I just need to talk to Nathalie...

Tikki watches, slightly worried, as Marinette puts her helmet back on and gets on her scooter.

64 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Once I know Adrien is fine, we'll go see Alya!

But Tikki's worry disappears when Marinette puts the huge bag of croissants away in the top case, where the kwami hides!

10 **EXT. PARIS / EIFFEL TOWER - RED SKY**

ANTICAT (a variation of Cat Noir akumatized) is on the Eiffel Tower, a shattered look on his face. Around him, Paris has been destroyed, basked in a red moonless night. At his feet: Ladybug, defeated.

65 ANTICAT
It's my fault... I've destroyed everything...

Monarch's mask appears on his face.

66 MONARCH
There is only one way to repair all of this... You're going to give me Ladybug's Miraculous, and yours...

11 **INT. LONDON / ADRIEN'S ROOM - MORNING**

Adrien wakes up with a start.

67 ADRIEN
No!

He looks around him and seems to remember where he is: in the windowless room where his father's put him. White walls and some cubes as the only furniture. Adrien gets up and, still disturbed by his nightmare, he knocks on the door.

12 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB - MORNING**

In his lair, Gabriel sees Adrien asking to leave the room on his monitor screen. He talks to Tsurugi-san via his Alli@nce.

68 GABRIEL
It's time to begin distribution of the antidote to these nightmares.

In her lab, Tsurugi uses a braille keyboard to send the Perfect Alliance programs into every Alli@nce ring in the world.

69 TSURUGI SAN
The process has launched.

We follow the distribution thanks to a planisphere on which lights represent each program downloaded...

13 **INT. LONDON / ADRIEN'S ROOM**

Adrien sees one of the furniture cubes move. He turns away from the door and sees that the cube is actually a robot. It approaches him, holding out an articulated mechanical arm to present a box adorned with the Tsurugi and Gabriel brand logos intertwined. Intrigued, Adrien opens it and sees, resting in the box: an Alli@nce ring. It's flashing. Adrien takes it (not putting it on). It turns on and runs a holographic advertisement starring Adrien and Kagami's 3D avatars.

70 KAGAMI'S VOICE
We all have nightmares.

71 ADRIEN'S VOICE
We all have fears.

72 KAGAMI'S VOICE
Unfortunately, these negative emotions can lead to akumatizations.

Images of Kagami and Adrien's avatars...

73 AD VOICE (O.S.)
After months of research, Tsurugi labs have found the antidote to akumatization. The Perfect Alliance program will allow you to find inner peace thanks to relaxing activities proposed by *Kagami and Adrien*!

74 KAGAMI AND ADRIEN
(in unison)
Whatever your level of anxiety, you'll find serenity again with us.

75 AD VOICE (O.S.)
To view your program for free, say: *Perfect Alliance*.

Adrien is shocked.

76 ADRIEN
This is insane! My father is out of control!

Plagg comes out of his shirt.

77 PLAGG
That is a pretty accurate description of your father, yes! What are you waiting for? Transform and get out there.

Plagg flutters around, seemingly checking the place...

78 PLAGG (CONT'D)
Besides, we'll never find cheese here!

79 ADRIEN
Plagg, there are cameras everywhere... Hide!

Plagg hastily flies to one of them and sticks his tongue out at the lens, pulling faces...

INSERT - In his lair, Gabriel is busy. But even if he checked his monitor screen, he wouldn't see Plagg. Only Adrien, holding the Alli@nce in his hands.

Plagg flies over to Adrien again, a proud look about him.

80 PLAGG
Relax! May I remind you that kwamis cannot be filmed, or have their voices recorded!

Adrien moves to have his back to the cameras and whispers.

81 ADRIEN
But my father could hear or see me... transform into you-know-who!

Plagg starts to undo the camera wires, one by one.

INSERT - In his lair, Gabriel's attention is suddenly drawn to the monitor screen, which turns off. He calls to Tsurugi via his Alli@nce.

82 GABRIEL
Tsurugi-san, could you activate the camera on the robot in my son's room?

BACK ON - Plagg, looking proud.

83 PLAGG
There! No cameras, no problem. Shall we?

Adrien has a FLASH - he sees an excerpt from his nightmare again. With his head in his hands, he shivers... Petrified, he doesn't answer Plagg...

Meanwhile, the robot in the room extends a mechanical arm with a camera to film Adrien. Plagg sighs.

84 PLAGG (CONT'D)
Fine! But I can destroy as many of these as necessary so you're able to transform!

Adrien has another nightmarish **flash**. Unsettled, he whispers.

85 ADRIEN
No, Plagg...

A beat. He pulls himself together, thinks, looks around him, looks at the Alli@nce still in his hands. He plays the ad again, turning the volume ALL THE WAY UP, and puts the ring on the robot

86 AD VOICE
To watch your program for free, say: *Perfect Alliance*. To watch your... (ad lib)

INSERT - In his lair, Gabriel has picture again thanks to the robot, but he now hears the sound of the Alli@nce, very loud. It makes him turn the volume down.

87 AD VOICE (CONT'D)
To watch your program for free, say: Perfect Alliance.

BACK - Adrien moves away from the robot. With his voice drowned out by the ad, the schoolboy can now talk normally to Plagg.

88 ADRIEN
I cannot transform...

Adrien has another **Flash** from his nightmare.

He looks at his shaking hand, then starts to remove his Miraculous.

89 PLAGG
What are you doing?

90 ADRIEN
I'm not in my right mind. I'm too angry; at myself, for falling short of Marinette's love. At my father, for sending me here, in London. At this stupid program and these rings that use my image! It makes me sick. This nightmare is giving me the horrible feeling that, if I transform, I'll get akumatized and destroy everything with my Cataclysm. Marinette, Ladybug... *

91 PLAGG
Surely Ladybug can help you...

92 ADRIEN
But for that, I'd have to reveal my secret identity to her. And I can't.

He gives his Miraculous to Plagg (with his back to the robot, which can't film him).

93 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
We'll see each other again, my friend, I know it. In the meantime, the only thing I can do... is not get akumatized...

Plagg looks upset and then understands it's what he must do. *

Adrien watches Plagg leave the room via a ventilation shaft with his Miraculous. Next, he walks over to the robot and takes the Alli@nce back. He puts it on his finger. *

94 AD VOICE
To view your program for free, say: *Perfect Alliance*.

95 ADRIEN
Perfect Alliance!

The program begins: Kagami and Adrien's 3D avatars are fencing. Kagami smiles exaggeratedly.

96 KAGAMI AVATAR VOICE
Adrien, focus on the soothing peaceful sound of the foils brushing against one another...

INSERT on Adrien's ring, which vibrates on his finger.

Adrien smiles as he watches the video. Soothed, he sits on his bed.

97 TSURUGI SAN (O.S.)
The stimuli that Adrien's receiving on his ring are relaxing his nervous system...

14 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

On his monitor screen, with the volume still very low, Gabriel sees Adrien lie down on his bed, with the Alli@nce around his finger.

As he watches the live feed of his son, Gabriel hears Tsurugi talk to him via her own Alli@nce.

98 TSURUGI SAN (O.S.)
The images he's watching are now associated with a feeling of well-being.
(MORE)

TSURUGI SAN (O.S.) (CONT'D)
He is forgetting all about the nightmares he'd previously been obsessing about. Soon, he'll calm down and, later, fall sound asleep.

On another screen, Kagami also appears to be quiet now. She too is watching the Perfect Alliance program on her Alli@nce.

Gabriel looks satisfied.

99 GABRIEL
Perfect Alliance is a success, dear Tsurugi-San.

15 **EXT. OUTSIDE THE AGRESTE PRIVATE MANSION - MORNING**

At the same moment, Marinette stops her scooter behind the Agreste private mansion. Her body language makes it clear that she's having another FLASH. Next, she opens the top case and finds Tikki recharged... from eating all the croissants! (the kwami still has crumbs stuck to her coat!)

Marinette makes sure that no one can see her and gets into position... but Tikki is worried:

100 TIKKI
Marinette, wait! You know that using your superpowers for personal reasons has never brought you any luck!

101 MARINETTE
It isn't personal this time! It's for Adrien. Tikki, spots on!

Marinette transforms into Ladybug. She uses her yo-yo to enter the mansion through Adrien's bedroom window.

16 **EXT. A PARIS STREET - MORNING**

Nathalie walks the streets of Paris (without her exoskeleton). Everywhere around her, she sees ads for the Perfect Alliance program.

102 AD VOICE (O.S.)
After months of research, Tsurugi labs have found the antidote to akumatization. The Perfect Alliance program will allow you to find inner peace thanks to relaxing activities proposed by *Kagami and Adrien*!

It’s a cacophony of images and sounds (as the ad is broadcast irregularly by several sources)...

Nathalie suddenly sees a GIGANTIC MONARCH appear in front of her.

103 MONARCH
HAHAHA! Ladybug and Cat Noir's Miraculous are finally MINE. At last, I can make MY wish.

He brandishes the earring and the ring. He knocks them together. An explosion takes over the screen....

17 **INT. AGRESTE PRIVATE MANSION - MORNING**

Nathalie wakes up with a start.

104 NATHALIE
Huh!

CUT TO - Nathalie has changed position. With her face lit by the screen of her tablet, in camera mode, she's now trying to record a video message.

105 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Adrien, when I'm no longer here...

She has a FLASH (posture) and stops. A beat. She starts again.

106 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Your mother told me one day...

She stops again. CUT

107 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
When your father hired me...

She has another FLASH (posture) and stops again. She is about to record a new message when a pop-up window appears. It's an ad for the Alli@nces that uses visuals from the first ad campaign (see *Multiplication)*, mixed with images from the ad for the "Perfect Alliance" program.

108 AD VOICE
Alli@nce. The greatest success of Tsurugi Industries, designed by Gabriel. The ring that's on the whole world's finger...
(a beat)
Download our new *Perfect Alliance* program today.

Nathalie stops the ad, a serious look on her face.

109 NATHALIE
(to herself)
He's going to do it.

She puts her tablet down and stands up, determined.

She's pulling a crossbow from the display case holding her explorer's outfit(see *Passion*) when a NOISE draws her attention...

INSERT - the NOISE comes from Adrien's room, where Ladybug just knocked over a photo frame. She must have had another FLASH. We understand that she has because of her posture (she has her hands on her head). She picks up the frame quietly, holding her breath, hoping that no one heard. Nothing happens. She looks at the frame. Inside is a photo of Adrien and Marinette.

BACK on Nathalie. Not hearing any more noise, she closes the display case and leaves her room.

INSERT - This time, Ladybug is the one who hears a NOISE. She puts her ear to the door, hears FOOTSTEPS and, softly, as they walk away, she half-opens the door and sees Nathalie, from behind, going down the stairs (Note: she doesn't see the crossbow).

18 **EXT. LONDON - DAY**

At the same moment, Plagg zips across London, flying by Big Ben. He flies through everything on his path, including a typical London cab with its windows open. He enters by one and flies out the other in a flash, unseen. *

We stay with the two female passengers inside. One has red hair, the other is blonde. They look at each other, smelling a funny smell that makes them grimace in disgust.

110 THE SISTERS
Is that smell coming from you? / Like stinky cheese? / Of course not, it's you!/ No, you!

19 **INT. DUPAIN-CHENG LIVING ROOM - DAY**

INSERT Perfect Alliance program - Kagami and Adrien are making bread.

111 ADRIEN
That feeling when you're kneading dough...! Making bread relaxes me so much...

CUT TO Tom, watching the program on his Alli@nce (which vibrates lightly) and liking it.

112 TOM
See, Sabine? I always told you that Adrien would make a great baker.

Sabine seems hypnotized by her own Alli@nce. She answers mechanically.

113 SABINE
Yes, you're right Tom.
(a beat)
And Kagami is very gifted, too!

We see that, on Sabine's Alliance (which vibrates softly), Kagami and Adrien are doing calligraphy. Like with ASMR videos, we hear the sound of the brush sliding across the canvas very precisely.

Tom and Sabine, who've completely forgotten about their nightmares, say at the same time, as if hypnotized, under the influence of the vibrations of the ring combined with the video: *

114 TOM & SABINE
Adrien and Kagami really form a Perfect Alliance!

20 **EXT. ENGLISH CHANNEL - DAY**

Meanwhile, Plagg crosses the English Channel. It takes long! So long!

115 PLAGG
If I'd known it'd take so long, I would have made myself a cheese sandwich for the voyage! *

21 **INT. AGRESTE PRIVATE MANSION / PASSAGEWAY - DAY**

With Nathalie out of sight, Ladybug leaves Adrien's room and heads carefully across the deserted hallways towards...

22 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

...Nathalie's room. Ladybug first stops in front of the display case with the explorer's outfit. She notes that it is open.

Next, she sees, hanging above the chimney: a photo of Gabriel, Emilie and Nathalie, posing together. The three of them are wearing explorer outfits...

Ladybug looks at the photo, then at the outfit in the display case. She makes the connection: it's the same outfit.

23 **EXT. / INT. MARINETTE'S BUILDING - DAY**

Plagg finally arrives in Paris. He immediately goes to Marinette's room, flying through the patio ground.

116 PLAGG
Marinette? Marinette?

No answer. The kwami cautiously peers through the floor to see if the guardian is in the living room downstairs.

But all he sees are Tom and Sabine, hypnotized by the Perfect Alliance program on their Alli@nces.

Since Marinette isn't here, Plagg returns to the room. His eyes land on a photo on the wall, showing Marinette and her friends on the Couphène houseboat.

117 PLAGG (CONT'D)
Hummm...

He immediately goes out again and heads for the banks of the Seine...

24 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB**

In her lab, Tsurugi monitors the utilization rate of the Perfect Alliance program.

118 TSURUGI SAN
80% of the Alli@nce users have already downloaded the app.

119 GABRIEL
Good. Let's move on to the next phase.

120 TSURUGI SAN
I recommend that we wait until as many users as possible are dependent on the antidote before we deprive them of it. Otherwise, the shock won't be great enough to provoke the next phase of the plan.

Gabriel chomps at the bit but doesn't insist.

25 **EXT. HOUSEBOAT - DAY**

Plagg reaches the Couphène houseboat. He hides to watch without being seen and realizes that Marinette isn't here either.

121 PLAGG
(to himself)
Drat. Where *is* she?
(he spots Alya)
Alya!

He tries to draw Alya's attention (since he knows her), pulling faces and taking ridiculous and funny poses. But...

Alya doesn't see him. Like Tom and Sabine earlier, she seems to be completely hypnotized by the Perfect Alliance program on her Alli@nce.

122 KAGAMI AVATAR VOICE
...as proven by our investigative journalism: there isn't any problem anywhere, is there Adrien?

123 ADRIEN AVATAR VOICE
Not a single one! Everything's fine, Kagami!

Mylene arrives on the houseboat, totally freaked out. She has a FLASH, starts, grabs her head with her hands... and counts her good-luck badges to give herself strength.

124 MYLENE
Friends, I had an awful nightmare: all the trees on earth had been uprooted by extraterrestrials to be turned into parking meters on planet Haventgotanychange.
(MORE)

MYLENE (CONT'D)
What if it was a prophetic dream?
What if the world is in danger?

But Rose's only reaction is to hold out an Alli@nce to her.

125 ROSE
Put this on, Mylene. You'll feel better, you'll see!

Mylene doesn't take it.

126 MYLENE
I refuse to touch an object that was made without respect for the earth's resources. Besides... these rings broadcast bogus images of Kagami and Adrien!

As she speaks, she realizes that Ivan is watching *Perfect Alliance* too.

127 MYLENE (CONT'D)
Ivan? What's gotten into you?

He confesses, with tears in his voice:

128 IVAN
I had a horrible nightmare that you were leaving me to go take care of a polar bear whose habitat was threatened.

Mylene walks over to Ivan to comfort him.

129 MYLENE
I'd never leave you. You're my teddy bear! Come on, you can take that ring off...

Reassured by Mylene’s tenderness, Ivan takes off the ring but as soon as he has, he curls up.

130 IVAN
Ah, no... I'm sorry, I can't!

He retrieves the ring in a flash and puts the Perfect Alliance program back on:

131 KAGAMI AVATAR VOICE
There's nothing like listening to some relaxing music, is there, Adrien?

132 ADRIEN AVATAR VOICE
Nothing, Kagami.

The Adrien avatar pushes a button on a player. A HARD ROCK MUSIC starts playing. Ivan immediately calms down.

Mylene is very worried.

133 MYLENE
Hey! Wake up, People! That thing's got you all hypnotized!

134 ALYA
(Zen)
The ring isn't our enemy, Mylene! True, the program is lame, but Gabriel Agreste is like us: he's just looking for a way to help Ladybug and Cat Noir...

135 NINO
It makes you chillax; you forget all about your nightmares, your negative emotions... which means no more risk of being akumatized!

Rose holds out the ring to Mylene again. Mylene has another FLASH (posture). Eventually, she accepts it.

136 MYLENE
If this can really stop Monarch from doing evil...

Plagg is still waving at Alya, but she still can't see him, engrossed in her Alli@nce. The kwami sighs...

26 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB**

A notification sound indicates to Tsurugi that they've just passed the 99% mark...

137 TSURUGI SAN
99% downloads. We may begin, Gabriel.

In the lab, the planisphere sparkles with lights that show that the whole world has downloaded the Perfect Alliance program. Gabriel is about to transform...

138 GABRIEL
Nooroo, dark---

When an alarm suddenly goes off in his lair. He stops, unable to hide his concern.

139 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Give me a minute...

He turns off his Alli@nce, ending his call with Tsurugi.

27 **INT. CRYPT**

The alarm is coming from the crypt. Gabriel runs up to Emilie's glass bubble-- a red light is flashing on it. He examines the installation and spots a loose wire. He pushes a button which opens a drawer with tools inside. Gabriel uses them to reconnect the machine. The alarm finally stops ringing. SILENCE.

Gabriel stands up straight to face his wife, in her magic slumber.

140 GABRIEL
Emilie, I have given up on everything. My dreams, my ambitions, my morality... but I never gave up on you, my love. I only have a few hours left now, but nothing will stop me from seizing Ladybug and Cat Noir's Miraculous. I will unite the magic jewels so I can make the wish that will bring you back to me.

Suddenly, a NOISE catches Gabriel's attention. It's Nathalie, standing up straight as she comes out of a bush, armed with her magic object hunter's (fantasy) crossbow.

141 NATHALIE
I can't let you do that. If you make the wish to bring her back, someone will have to go in her place. Emilie would have never agreed to this.

Gabriel fakes surprise. And, while approaching Nathalie, he overacts outraged.

142 GABRIEL
Do you think I'd be monstrous enough to sacrifice a human being? This is terrible... All these years working together, and you really think that I'm a monster?
(abrupt change of tone) *
Nooroo, dark wings rise! *

Too weak and struck by another FLASH (posture) Nathalie is caught by surprise. Gabriel seizes his chance and, in a flash, **he transforms into Monarch.** *

With a thrust of his cane, he disarms her.

Monarch takes Nathalie in his arms and heads for the elevator to leave the crypt.

143 MONARCH
There's nothing you can do to stop me now.

28 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

In Nathalie's room, Ladybug is slowly piecing together a puzzle of clues: the photo on the wall, the outfit in the display case, and a tablet which she finds in a drawer. She turns it on and a selfie of Master Fu posing with Ladybug appears.

144 LADYBUG
(to herself)
The tablet stolen from Master Fu?

Ladybug squints and looks at the room in a new light. She takes the tablet left on the bed by Nathalie. The screen is still turned on, in camera mode (from when Nathalie tried to record a video message earlier).

Ladybug accesses the folders on the hard disk and finds the files created during the *Optigami* episode (season 4), with the lists of Miraculous holders. The decoded grimoire...

Ladybug hears FOOTSTEPS. She puts the tablet back where she found it and hides. She sees:

Monarch, entering the room, with Nathalie in his arms. As he puts her down on her bed, **Monarch transforms back into Gabriel.**

Still hiding, Ladybug has a SHOCK. As discreetly as she can, she types a text to Cat Noir, using her Bugphone. (Note: we hear what she's writing in a bubble with Ladybug's face in 2D - see *Optigami,* for example.) *

145 LADYBUG'S VOICE (O.S. - IN 2D BUBBLE)
Cat Noir, Gabriel Agreste is Monarch. I'm waiting for you at his place. We'll only have a shot if we fight him together.

Meanwhile, Gabriel picks up Nathalie's tablet, to confiscate it. Ladybug stops typing without having sent her message. *

146 GABRIEL
I knew that you would betray me, Nathalie. I was prepared. I knew it as soon as I realized that you were instigating Adrien's defiance. When you started insidiously supporting his ridiculous fling with Marinette Dupain Cheng.

Ladybug shivers when she hears him say her name.

Gabriel takes Nathalie's hand - she's too weak to resist. She has another FLASH (posture).

147 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
You'll be loyal to me until the end, after all. As for the rest, let bygones by bygones. Just think of it as a horrible nightmare. You can relax now.

He turns her Alli@nce on and plays the *Perfect Alliance* program. The ring vibrates softly. Nathalie relaxes.

148 ADRIEN AVATAR VOICE (IN ALLI@NCE)
Kagami, how about a walk in the woods?

As Gabriel exits and the sound of the program resonates in the room...

149 KAGAMI AVATAR VOICE (O.S.)
That would be perfect, Adrien. There's nothing like the aroma of nature to soothe the mind...

Ladybug hesitates over sending her text. She doesnt do it, puts away her Bugphone and comes out of her hiding place. Nathalie is surprised. But she's too weak to say a word. *

150 ADRIEN AVATAR VOICE
We could even take a nap under a tree. It's so relaxing!

Ladybug turns Nathalie's Alli@nce off. Then, she removes it from her finger, torn between concern and anger.

151 LADYBUG
Where is Adrien Agreste? What have you done to him?

152 NATHALIE
He is safe. But you aren't.
(she coughs)
The whole world is in danger...
Monarch is about to send all of humankind after you and Cat Noir...
(she coughs)
He can't get hold of your Miraculous...

153 LADYBUG
You don't look well. I'll take you to the hospital.

But Nathalie stops her, putting a hand on her arm. Ladybug hesitates over pushing it away. But she lets Nathalie do.

154 NATHALIE
I am beyond all medicine...
(She coughs)
I used the Miraculous of the Peacock while it was still damaged, and...
(She coughs)
...I'm about to fall into a magic slumber.

Nathalie hands Emilie's phone to Ladybug.

155 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Stop Monarch at all costs.... that's what SHE would have wanted.

Ladybug takes the phone. She sees Emilie's face on the phone home screen: she's posing with Adrien and Gabriel. Nathalie adds:

156 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Transform back!

But at the same moment, Ladybug starts - she has another **FLASH** and sees the images of Adrien again.

She grabs her head with her hands. A beat. She pulls herself together, then turns to look at Nathalie:

157 LADYBUG
What? What did you say?

But Nathalie, exhausted, closes her eyes.

Worried, Ladybug whips out her Bugphone. She is about to finish her text... but gives up. She erases it and, this time, *calls* Cat Noir. But she gets his answering machine.

158 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Cat Noir, I'm at Gab---

Statics. Interfering noises. She checks her phone: it has stopped working.

158A LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Rha...

Ladybug puts away her Bugphone. She turns on Emilie's phone and plays one of the video messages stored inside.

159 EMILIE
Don't be sad, Nathalie. You know that I had agreed to it, that Gabriel never forced me to do anything. But he should never try to bring me back. No one should have their life stolen from them because of a mistake that we made.

29 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB**

Back in his lair, Gabriel moves into action.

160 GABRIEL
Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Gabriel transforms into Monarch.

Tsurugi pushes a button. The lights on the planisphere in her lab all turn red...

INSERTS - Tom, Sabine, the friends on the houseboat, everyone is watching their custom relaxation program starring Adrien and Kagami when, suddenly, Ladybug and Cat Noir turn up in the fiction broadcast by the Alli@nces.

161 CAT NOIR AVATAR
So you two think you can do better than us?

162 LADYBUG AVATAR
You think your Perfect Alliance is stronger against akumas than Cat Noir and Ladybug?

Ladybug and Cat Noir grab them.

163 KAGAMI AVATAR
Please, leave us alone!

Ladybug and Cat Noir take them O.S. The last words broadcast on the Alli@nces, O.S., are:

164 ADRIEN AVATAR (O.S.)
Help! Please save us!

In her lab, Tsurugi pushes another button and the red lights suddenly all go out. The map has gone completely dark.

INSERTS - The Alli@nces all turn off at the same time for Tom, Sabine and everyone else all across the world...

30 **EXT. HOUSEBOAT - DAY**

Plagg is still trying his best to catch Alya's attention, in vain... when the Alli@nces turn off. A moment of stupefaction on the houseboat-- where everyone's nightmarish anguish comes back. They all start and grab their heads with their hands.

165 IVAN
No! Mylene, I'm scared!

They all try to start the program again on their Alli@nces when a newsflash appears on every ring.

166 NADJA CHAMACK (IN ALLI@NCE RINGS)
Don't be bemused, it's just the news! Ladybug and Cat Noir have just abducted Adrien Agreste and Kagami Tsurugi, the perfect couple.

167 ROSE
There's nothing left to protect us from being akumatized, now!!!

168 JULEKA
incomprehensible murmur (which means: *what's gonna happen to us?*)

Alya takes off her ring.

169 ALYA
Ladybug would never do that!

170 KIM
You saw what we all saw!

171 ALYA
Trust me... I know Ladybug!

Everyone stops. Plagg opens his eyes wide: come on, she can't be about to say it! Alya realizes the misunderstanding and corrects herself.

172 ALYA (CONT'D)
I mean... that I know who Ladybug is, as a human being...

Plagg is relieved. He breathes again.

173 ALYA (CONT'D)
We all know Ladybug! Because she's saved each and every one of us at least once! *

On the friends, who act casual.

174 ALYA (CONT'D)
We all owe something to Ladybug... and we know she would never kidnap anyone! And neither would...

Just then, Alya finally sees Plagg behind the friends, who can't see him.

175 ALYA (CONT'D)
...Cat Noir?

31 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR / TSURUGI LAB**

Meanwhile, in his lair, Monarch pulls out a Magical Charm and places it on a device designed for this purpose. Sarcastic, he talks to the imprisoned kwamis, who have no other choice but to watch.

176 MONARCH
I carefully held onto the Magical Charm that your guardian Ladybug, had entrusted to Gabriel Agreste... unaware that *he* was *me*! Hahaha!

Next, he places his hand cataclysmed by Cat Noir on a fingerprint reader.

177 MONARCH (CONT'D)
And the Cataclysm that your friend Cat Noir inflicted on me won't have served only to destroy me, in the end!

The Cataclysm dust and the Magical Charm allow him to transmit Ladybug and Cat Noir's quantum imprint.

178 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Such irony: they've personally provided me with the weapons to defeat them!

Monarch puts his hands in two big devices and transfers the powers of the Miraculous.

179 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

The pipes connected to the cages start vibrating. The operation is taking a lot of the kwamis' energy.

Tsurugi, on her side, turns the Alli@nces back on.

32 **EXT. HOUSEBOAT - DAY**

Everywhere in the world, and on the houseboat, the rings turn back on! The Alli@nce users see a 3D avatar of Gabriel appear and talk to them.

180 GABRIEL AVATAR
Hello, I am Gabriel Agreste, designer of Alli@nce, and father to Adrien. My son and his friend Kagami are victims of Ladybug and Cat Noir... If you want to help me save them, say ALLIANCE, MIRACULIZE ME!

On the houseboat, Ivan, more sensitive than his friends, is already saying, with his hands on his head:

181 IVAN
Alliance, miraculize me!

Ivan transforms, and turns into a magnificent, ideal superhero, like a perfect fusion of Kagami and Adrien, wearing the colors of his power (i.e: green, for the Turtle). He has become miraculized!

182 MYLENE
Noooooooooo!!!!!!!!!

Alya immediately understands.

183 ALYA
Take off your rings, it's a trap from Monarch! He's found a way to take control of Alli@nce!

Miraculized Ivan is already setting out.

184 MYLENE
Ivan!

185 MIRACULIZED IVAN
Join me, Mylene! Let's find Ladybug and Cat Noir and free our friends Kagami and Adrien!

The friends remove their Alli@nces and try to hold Ivan back.

186 NINO
Wait up, dude!

187 MYLENE
Ivan, take off your ring!

The friends want to remove his Alliance to save him, but Miraculized Ivan exhibits his strength and uses the Turtle’s shield as protection.

188 MIRACULIZED IVAN
Shell-ter!

Alya has taken cover in a corner, where she's met Plagg.

189 ALYA
Plagg, where's Ladybug, and why aren't you with Cat Noir?!

190 PLAGG
Precisely... would you agree to be my temporary holder?

191 ALYA
Doesn't feel like I really have a choice here, do I?

Alya takes the ring but, just as she is about to put it on, she stops, struck by another **FLASH** from her nightmare: we see her akumatized as Lady Wifi, giving the Miraculous to Monarch.

192 ALYA (CONT'D)
Wait! What if I get akumatized? I know who Ladybug is and - **Flash** - I keep having this haunting nightmare where I give the Miraculous to Monarch... Besides... with Cat Noir's powers, I could...

193 PLAGG
I know: destroy the world, blah-blah-blah.

He takes the Miraculous back.

194 PLAGG (CONT'D)
I'd better find Ladybug then, and quick.

Alya looks sadly at the Alli@nce that she's had to take off.

195 ALYA
I could help you if I still had a phone to call Marinette.

196 PLAGG
Well alright, then: it shall be Plagg alone versus the rest of the world!

Plagg nods goodbye to Alya and flies off.

33 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

In Nathalie's room, Ladybug is watching another message from Emilie...

197 EMILIE
No matter how kind they are, you can never give all the powers to one person... When I'm no longer here, Nathalie, you'll need to stand up against Gabriel if you realize that he's going too far.

...while trying to reach Cat Noir again with her Bugphone.

198 LADYBUG
Pick up, please...

199 CAT NOIR'S VOICEMAIL
Voicemail, meow!

200 LADYBUG
Cat Noir!!!!

Ladybug is struck by another FLASH as she hangs up. Then, she sees through the window the first Miraculized people, in the colors of Miraculous powers.

201 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
What in the...

As she walks over to the window to get a better view...

A group of Miraculized, on the opposite roof, activate on their Alli@nces...

202 ALLIANCE RING VOICE
Ladybug and Cat Noir quantum imprint detector activated.

A magic beam in the colors of Ladybug instantly points to... the Agreste private mansion!

203 A MIRACULIZED MAN
Ladybug's in there!

Ladybug has just enough time to step away from the window.

34 **INT. PRIVATE MANSION / VARIOUS LOCATIONS - DAY**

LAIR - Tsurugi talks to Monarch from her lab.

204 TSURUGI SAN
A Ladybug imprint has been detected in your home, Gabriel!!!

205 MONARCH
She's probably trying to flee from the Miraculized... by hiding here. How very ironic!

NATHALIE'S ROOM - Thinking that she is safe in Nathalie's room, Ladybug sees teleportation portals open around her, like so many doors through which multicolored assailants come bursting in.

206 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE
Ladybug! Where are Kagami and Adrien? Release them!

207 LADYBUG
What? What on earth are you talking about?

They all fire a different Miraculous power at her.

208 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE
Venom! Clout!

She tries to protect herself, manages to neutralize some of them, but whichever way she turns, new Miraculized come bursting in.

209 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE (CONT'D)
Ladybug! Release Kagami and Adrien!

Ladybug tries to flee. But... the house goes into panic room mode (see *Simon Says*, season 1).

Metal shutters seal the windows and doors off...

REPAIRE - Monarch has just activated the panic room mode.

210 MONARCH
You're trapped, Ladybug. In a moment, your Miraculous will be mine.

211 TSURUGI SAN
I can't detect any imprint for Cat Noir. She is alone.

212 MONARCH
That will make things even easier!

NATHALIE'S ROOM - Ladybug manages to leave Nathalie's room before the door locks itself.

But she is now chased down **THE HALLS** of the private mansion. Miraculized arrive from everywhere.

35 **EXT. PARIS - DAY**

As he flies above Paris, Plagg sees some Miraculized throwing themselves into Voyage portals.

213 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE
Ladybug detected! Let's go!

214 PLAGG
Ah, there! At least you can always count on the villains to find the superheroes!

Plagg dives into a portal, following the Miraculized people.

36 **INT. MONARCH PRIVATE MANSION - DAY**

Plagg comes flying out of the portal and reaches the exact location Ladybug's at. He hastily hides and watches her use all her ingenuity to thwart the Miraculized chasing her...

215 LADYBUG
(to herself)
How are they doing that? They're everywhere!

They're literally tracking her!

216 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE
Clout! Venom!

Ladybug remembers, and finally understands what Nathalie said earlier. An image of Nathalie materializes behind Ladybug as she brandishes her yo-yo before her, like a shield.

217 NATHALIE (O.S.)
Transform back!

Ladybug enters the kitchen, and immediately:

218 LADYBUG
Of course... Spots off!

She transforms back.

Now Marinette again, she hides in a cupboard, from where she hears:

219 MIRACULIZED PEOPLE
Where'd she go?

220 ALLIANCE RING VOICE
Quantum imprint lost.

The Miraculized all leave the private mansion via Voyage portals.

37 **INT. LAIR**

221 MONARCH
Ladybug is still here. I can feel it. She must have transformed back, she's vulnerable...

Monarch turns to a screen that shows Tsurugi and talks to her.

222 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Make sure that the others keep looking for Cat Noir. I'm going to give a personal, proper welcome to Ladybug. After all, I am her host.

Before he leaves the lair, Monarch turns to the kwamis' cages.

223 MONARCH (CONT'D)
But before I meet her, you, nice kwamis, are going to give me the powers to fight her... and make me invulnerable! *

He holds out his hand towards Stompp's cage.

224 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Stompp, your power is now mine!

38 **INT. MONARCH PRIVATE MANSION - DAY**

Monarch comes out of a Voyage portal directly into the hallway. Four rings are lit up on his fingers. We recognize the logos of Resistance, Venom, Voyage and Shell-ter.

Monarch cautiously moves forward across the private mansion, now completely locked down.

225 MONARCH
La-dy-bug!!!!!

39 **INT. AGRESTE KITCHEN - DAY**

Still hidden in the cupboard, Marinette holds Tikki in the palm of her hand while the kwami feeds on a macaron.

226 MARINETTE
(whispers)
I can't get hold of Cat Noir, or transform...

With her hands on her head, Marinette hears Monarch's voice: he's getting closer.

227 MONARCH (O.S.)
La-dy-bug!!!

All seems lost.

But Plagg has seen Marinette hide in the cupboard. He rushes forwards and flies through the door... forgetting in his haste that only kwamis can pass through matter... Cat Noir’s ring can’t!

The ring falls on the floor, CHIMING as it hits the tiling.

The noise draws Monarch’s attention... He immediately enters the kitchen, like a velociraptor straight out of *Jurassic Park*.

228 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Found you!

In the cupboard - where he's met with Marinette - Plagg winces at his own mistake.

229 PLAGG
(whispers)
Sorry.

230 MARINETTE
(whispers)
Where's Cat Noir?

231 PLAGG
(whispers)
He fell victim to that wretched Alli@nce ring. What are *you* doing in Gabriel Agreste's house?!

232 MARINETTE
(whispers)
You mean Monarch's house...

The revelation comes as a shock to Plagg.

Marinette opens the cupboard door to pick the ring up off the floor, but... Monarch finds her and grabs her by the ankle while she's still Marinette. He is stunned:

233 MONARCH
Marinette Dupain-Cheng?

Marinette puts the Miraculous of the Black Cat around her finger:

234 MARINETTE
No, BugNoire! Tikki, Plagg, unify!

Marinette transforms in a split second.

It is now as **BugNoire** that she faces Monarch.

TO BE CONTINUED...